

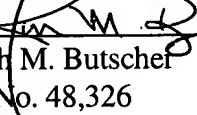
REMARKS

The present application includes pending claims 1-3, 5-10, 12-15, and 17-20, all of which have been rejected. By this Amendment, claims 1, 5-7, 9, 13-14, and 17-19 have been amended as set forth above. Claims 2 and 10 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter therein. It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims define allowable subject matter.

In order to expedite prosecution of the present application towards allowance and an issued patent, the Applicants have amended the claims as suggested by the Examiner. Thus, the Applicants respectfully submit that the claims should be in condition for allowance. While the claims have been amended as set forth above, the Applicants reserve the right to pursue the previously pending claims in a continuation application. The Applicants do **not** concede that the previously pending claims are unpatentable in view of the new rejections. If the Examiner has any questions or the Applicant can be of any assistance, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fees or credit any overpayment to Applicants' Deposit Account 07-0845. If the Examiner has any questions or the Applicants can be of any assistance, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fees or credit any overpayment to Applicants' Deposit Account 07-0845.

Respectfully submitted,

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